Subject: The placing of numbers on coins

Mott, S.W., Miss

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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July 23, 1921.

The American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With the hope I am not asking too great a favor I should like to inquire of you your method of marking coins. We have always used oil colors thinned with oil, but sometimes it seems as though a thinner medium that could be applied with a pen would be more desirable. Have you found such a material?

Hoping for a reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

Susie W. Matt.

Director pro tem

July 29th, 1921

Miss S. W. Mott
Oakland Public Museum
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Your favour of July 23rd concerning the placing of numbers on coins at hand.

We have nothing in the way of advice to offer as we do not so number our coins. We consider such a method disfigures the coin and is very apt to injure it permanently.

We place our coins into individual boxes, with the attributions, notations, and any other data written on the box or on tickets in the box.

As we have occasion to photograph many of our coins at various times or make plaster casts from them, it would be a bad factor to write numbers on the pieces.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E